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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BACCHUS of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Rules, Post Office and Civil Service, and the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Public Service Ac-
5 countability Act of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT RELATING TO SPECIFIC DOLLAR**
2 **AMOUNTS.**

3 Section 102 of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978
4 is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)(1)(B)—

6 (A) by striking “source and type” and in-
7 serting “source, type, and amount”; and

8 (B) by striking “value, and an indication”
9 through “\$1,000,000.” and inserting “value.”;

10 (2) by striking “category of” in each of sub-
11 sections (a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(5), (f)(2), and
12 (f)(5)(A)(ii);

13 (3) in subsection (b)(2), by striking subpara-
14 graph (B), and by striking “(2)(A)” and inserting
15 “(2)”; and

16 (4) in subsection (d)—

17 (A) by striking “(d)(1)” through
18 “\$1,000,000”;

19 (B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as sub-
20 section (d); and

21 (C) by striking “value, instead” through
22 “subsection.” in the first sentence of subsection
23 (d) (as so redesignated by subparagraph (B))
24 and inserting “value.”

1 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT RELATING TO STATEMENT OF NET**
2 **WORTH.**

3 Section 102 of the Ethics in Government Act of
4 1978, as amended by section 2, is further amended—

5 (1) by adding at the end of subsection (a)
6 the following:

7 “(8) A brief statement of the reporting individ-
8 ual’s net worth, as determined pursuant to rules
9 adopted by the supervising ethics office for the
10 branch in which such individual serves.”; and

11 (2) in subsection (b)(1)—

12 (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-
13 paragraph (B);

14 (B) by striking “paragraphs.” at the end
15 of subparagraph (C) and inserting “paragraphs,
16 and”; and

17 (C) by adding after subparagraph (C)
18 the following:

19 “(D) paragraph (8) of subsection (a) in ac-
20 cordance with the rules under such para-
21 graph.”.

22 **SEC. 4. REQUIREMENT RELATING TO TAX INFORMATION.**

23 Section 102 of the Ethics in Government Act of
24 1978, as amended by sections 2 and 3, is further amended
25 by adding at the end the following:

1 “(j)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this sub-
2 section, any individual who is required to file a report pur-
3 suant to section 101 shall include with such report a copy
4 of the reporting individual’s Federal tax return for the
5 preceding taxable year.

6 “(2) If an individual is unable to comply with para-
7 graph (1) because such return is not yet due (including
8 because of an extension granted by the Internal Revenue
9 Service), the individual—

10 “(A) shall include a written statement to that
11 effect with the report filed pursuant to section 101;
12 and

13 “(B) shall file a copy of such return, in accord-
14 ance with the next sentence, within 30 days after fil-
15 ing it with the Internal Revenue Service.

16 Any filing required under subparagraph (B) shall be made
17 with the office of authority with which the individual filed
18 the report to which the return should have been attached
19 under paragraph (1), if it had been available at that time.

20 “(3) For the purpose of this subsection—

21 “(A) the term ‘Federal tax return’ means any
22 return of tax imposed by chapter I of the Internal
23 Revenue Code of 1986 (including an amended re-
24 turn); and

1 “(B) the term ‘preceding taxable year’ means,
2 with respect to any report filed pursuant to section
3 101, the taxable year immediately preceding the
4 deadline under applicable provisions of section 101
5 (before any extension) for filing such report.

6 “(4) Any rules necessary to carry out the purposes
7 of this subsection may be prescribed by the supervising
8 ethics office for each branch.

9 “(5) Nothing in this subsection requires the filing of
10 a copy of the same tax return (or amendment thereto)
11 more than once.”.

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